

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240001648

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show he completed the following courses and for those courses to be added in item 14 (Military Education):

- [Basic] Airborne Course
- Ranger Indoctrination [Program] (RIP)
- Pre-Ranger School

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Airborne Course Diploma
- Certificate of Graduation for RIP Detachment, Ranger Indoctrination Diploma
- Pre-Ranger Certificate of Graduation
- DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record)

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the three-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), Section 1552 (b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.

2. The applicant states he wants his Airborne, RIP, and Pre-Ranger Courses added to item 14 on this DD Form 214. He was injured in an airborne jump and these courses were never added to his DD Form 214.

3. The applicant provides the following documents: an Airborne Course Diplomas, 31 January 1992, a Certificate of Graduation for RIP Detachment Ranger Indoctrination Diploma, 4 March 1992, and a Pre-Ranger Certificate of Graduation, 5 June 1992.

4. A review of the applicant's service records show:

- a. On 2 September 1986, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army.

b. His DA Form 2-1 shows in item 17 (Civilian Education and Military Schools) he completed the following courses:

- Pre-Ranger Course for 3 weeks at Ft Benning, GA and that he completed the course in 1992
- Airborne Course for 3 weeks at Ft Benning, GA and that he completed the course in 1992
- RIP Course for 3 weeks at Ft Benning, GA and that he completed the course in 1992

c. DD Form 214 shows he was honorably discharged on 22 April 1994 due to the completion of his required active service. He completed 7 years, 7 months and 21 days of active service. Item 14 shows he completed the following courses:

- Combat Signaler, 11 weeks, January 1990
- Primary Leadership Development [Couse], 4 weeks, June 1991

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted for the applicant's request to add military education. The evidence of records shows the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 2 September 1986. He subsequently completed pre-ranger school for a period of 3 weeks in 1992, the Basic Airborne Course for a period of 3 weeks, also in 1992 and the Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP) for a period of 3 weeks in 1992, as evidenced by his DA Form 2-1 (Enlisted Qualification Record). The Board concluded, by a preponderance of the evidence, the applicant completed these courses and therefore they should be added to his DD Form 214 accordingly.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214, for the period ending 22 April 1994 by adding to item 14 (Military Education):

- Pre-Ranger Course, 3 weeks, 1992
- basic airborne course, 3 weeks, 1992
- Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP), 3 weeks, 1992

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I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, USC, Section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within three years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the three-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.

2. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), established the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The regulation directs that the purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service. It is important that information entered on the form should be complete and accurate. Item 14 is to show formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 consisting of 40 hours or more.

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